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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO NATO AND WHITE HOUSE  
AS APPROPRIATE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: NATO, MPOL

SUBJECT: TANK GUN

REF: STATE 020968

1. DURING A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER EARLIER  
THIS MORNING, I REFERRED TO SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
ALEXANDER'S LETTER (REFTEL) TO MINISTER LEBER REGARDING  
THE TANK GUN. I OUTLINED THE CONSULTATIONS THAT HAD  
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TAKEN PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND AND STRESSED THAT  
WE BELIEVED IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE CONTINUED  
IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. I POINTED OUT THAT A DECISION  
MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY FEBRUARY 1 AND THAT  
IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE FURTHER DIRECT DISCUSSIONS  
ON THE EXPORT LICENSE ARRANGEMENTS. I CONCLUDED BY  
SAYING THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THE FOREIGN

OFFICE COULD DO TO ENCOURAGE THE DEFENSE MINISTRY  
OFFICIALS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR THESE URGENT  
TALKS.

2. GENSCHER WAS NON-COMMITTAL. HE EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION FOR MY PRESENTATION AND SAID HE WOULD  
COMMUNICATE IT TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. HE APPEARED  
TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER PRIOR  
TO MY REMARKS.

3. I ALSO TELEPHONED STATE SECRETARY SCHULER IN  
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE THIS MORNING AND WENT OVER WITH  
HIM THE POINTS I HAD MADE TO GENSCHER. SCHULER SAID  
HE APPRECIATED THE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE  
MATTER AND THAT HE WOULD SPEAK TO BOTH THE CHANCELLOR  
AND LEBER AT ONCE ABOUT IT. STOESSEL UNQTE VANCE

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